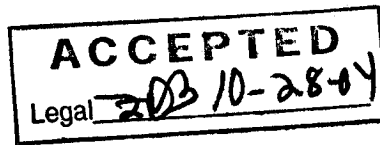


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The Honorable George N. Dorn, Jr.  
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RE: South Carolina Electric & Gas Company Application for  
Adjustments in the Company's Electric Rate Schedules and Tariffs  
**Docket No. 2004-178-E, Our File No. 925-1264**

Dear Mr. Dorn:

I am writing to inform the Commission that SMI Steel - South Carolina will not be participating in the hearing in the above-referenced matter set to begin on Monday, November 1. SMI Steel - South Carolina will remain a party in this proceeding for the purposes of receiving all future testimony, pleadings, and other documents served on all parties, and will retain the right to participate in all post-hearing matters related to this docket. By copy of this letter, I am serving all parties of record with this notification, and enclosed my Certificate of Service to that effect.

With kind regards, I am

Yours truly,

  
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